## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ethylene copolymer is provided which is a copolymer of ethylene and an  $\alpha\text{-olefin}$  of 3 to 20 carbon atoms and has the following properties:

- (a) the melt index (MI2) at 190°C under a load of 2.16 kg is in the range of 0.0001 to 1000 g/10 min,
  - (b) the density is not more than  $0.899 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,
- (c) the relationship between a vinyl group amount and MI2 of the polymer satisfies the following expression:

(vinyl group amount: number of vinyl groups/1000 carbon atoms)  $\leq 0.004509 + 0.000815 \times \log(MI2)$ ,

and

(d) the relationship between a vinylidene group amount and MI2 of the polymer satisfies the following expression: (vinylidene group amount: number of vinylidene groups/1000 carbon atoms)  $\leq 0.013528 + 0.002445 \times \log(MI2)$ .